

Mandatory Testing of ETP Certified Drivers

New Information

Effective January 1, 2006, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will randomly select Employer Testing Program (ETP) certified drivers to participate in a mandatory sample-driving test program.

The department will select certified drivers from the ETP certificates (Certificate of Driving Skill [DL 170 ETP]) received each week in DMV headquarters. The department will provide written notice to the selected driver and his/her employer regarding the mandatory driving test. The written notice contains detailed information and instructions regarding each phase of the testing process. The number of drivers DMV selects for testing depends on the mandatory driving test pass/fail rate.

Employer Responsibilities

The employer **must**:

- Notify each ETP certified driver that DMV may require him/her to take a mandatory sample-driving test.
- Ensure that each selected driver is available for the mandatory testing within 30 days of receiving written notice from DMV.

NOTE: The employer **must** notify DMV within 10 days of receiving written notice, if the driver is no longer an employee.

- Submit a copy of the employee's original ETP driving test score sheets to the ETP Unit in headquarters within 30 days of receiving written notice.

Driver Responsibilities

The selected driver **must**:

- Schedule an appointment for a mandatory driving test within 30 days of receiving written notice.
- Provide a copy of the written notice at the time of his/her scheduled driving test.
- Provide the appropriate class of vehicle for the mandatory driving test.

NOTE: If the driver **does not** schedule and appear for the mandatory driving test, his/her commercial driver license (DL) will be downgraded to the license class held before ETP certification.

Mandatory Driving Test Results

Each driver has two attempts to pass the pre-trip inspection, skills test and a road test. If the driver **does not** pass the mandatory driving test after two attempts, his/her commercial DL will be downgraded to the license class held before ETP certification.

NOTE: If the driver wishes to obtain another commercial DL, he/she must submit a new application, pay all required fees, and pass all required tests at DMV only.

Background

The mandatory sample-driving test program brings California into compliance with federal regulations. The tests allow the department to compare pass/fail results between DMV examiners and the employer's examiners.

Contact

Direct all questions to the ETP Unit in DMV headquarters at (916) 657-7830. **Do not** contact your local DMV field office about this memo.

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